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but for being so crowded.'

asked my husband.

and finally returned and offered us the was to inqure the time. use of a bare little garret room for the

night.

'There is only the bare room, but himself. it to camping out. My wife suggests, himself. quire of F. B. Merrill, or Chas. E. you take your wife at once to Dan friends.'

the best she can for you. She used to he was soon fast asleep. If I could give you even a lounge, I sleep. would only be too happy to do so, They cyarnt sleep in hyar to-night,

comfortably on a bed to-night. After some further discussion, this plan was agreed upon as the most feasible which presented itself, and we is comin'.' were about to start, when Mr. Rice

any valuables you may have about you ladder leading to the loft above. I had no children to keep me at empty-handed.'

home, and I begged so hard to be no trouble, that at last he allowed me thought it best to leave his watch asleep. It was a strange, wild, lonely life massive, and would be likely to attract afterward. Had some one been mov- them. we led. Sometimes we would drive attention. We would not be without ing about my room? No. through the country from sunrise to a timepiece either, for my watch was Everything was as usual, the night endeavor to make our arrangements kept it with me. We then exchanged side me. so as to secure a night's lodgings under good nights, and my husband gather-

a root; but two or three times it ed up the reins to go. happened that we had to resort to the I suppose there is no difficulty toward the light, that I might see the tents which we carried in our light about finding the way?' he said to Mr wagon, and encamp out on the vast Rice.

'You couldn't miss the cabin; it is The week before my adventure oc- right down the road-the first house to encounter, or rather overtake, a Fifteen minutes' drive boought us

party of three New Englanders, who there. A woman was standing in the were jaunting through these wilds on doorway as we approached 'Can you give us a bed to-night, business, something about cattle, I HAVING renewed their Partnership and purchased the interest of Taylor & Harpin, (modest Carl and ready Ned included,) in the Elm St. Market, are prepared to furnish all kinds of

cultivated people after our long ab- might have a spare bed.' She stared in silence for the space sence from home, that we welcomed these strangers as old friends, and of half a minute or so, and when at finding, after half an hour's conver- last she deigned to speak, it was to sation, it was mutually convenient to ask some question about, 'Who all

proceed in the same direction, we was stoppin' at Mr. Rice's ?' 'I'll tell you all about it after I get in, replied he, not very truthfully 'I have been driving all day, and I'm very tired.'

'Ben ridin' all day ! Yer don't say ! One cool evening in January, we You mus' be tide sho nuff. Li-i-ght drew up in front of the large comfort able dwelling which had been describ- down, bofe on yer. I reckin we kin ed to us by our host of the night make out to let yer stay fur one night. before, and where we were assured Thar haint no flour bread in the house, we should find substantial comforts though; mos'er strangers is almighty

keen for flour bread.' But by this time we were both in-One of our party alighted, knocked, and was soon admitted into the hall. side the cabin : for a man had ap-A parley ensued, lasting several min- peared during the conversation, and utes, and presently he came towards to him we entrusted the care of our us accompanied by the owner of the horses. It was a smoked-dried place, house, a tall, personable man, wall evidently kitchen, dining and bedroom all in one. The supper was cooking 'This gentleman,' said our friend, at the open fireplace; the table was introducing him, 'Mr. Rice, says it ready laid, and a couple of bedsteads will be impossible for him to accom- stood side by side against the backmodate our party this evening; his ground of a patchwork quilt which per. Then all at once I heard some was pinned with clothes-pins to a one say :

'I am very sorry indeed,' said the rope stretched across the ceiling, and other, 'especially scrry since I find I which served to convert the ground door?' a suggestion which caused me leave his wife for some time. I shall have to turn a lady from my floor of the cabin into two apartments. to speed across to my bed, in an indoor,' and he bowed in my direction; A space was left at one end large stant. I lay there in an agony of Orleans. but every available room is occupied. enough to furnish means of ingress terror, which culminated ss I heard In fact, I and my wife will have to and egress, and through this space I Dan Turner reply : betake ourselves to the parlor sofa to was presently conducted that I might Let me go, and his stealthy step night. We would gladly admit you wash my face and bands.

'What is the cause of such a crowd?' ly, and I was glad to find no other out again. visitors. The hostess talked inces-'The fair in the next town, sir; all santly to my husband; the three wild, an' ther good tell morein'.' He flung of my Texas adventure to a roomful these people in my house are on their gipsy-looking children stared with all himself heavily on the floor, and the of admiring friends at home. way to attend it, and I and my family the concentrated power of their three room became perfectly quiet. They intend going to-morrow. We lead pairs of black eyes; but the man by were all apparently sleaping soundly

Turner's cabin; it is only about a To this he made no reply, and away. QUAKER BITTERS, a further sup had better lose no time, or their one was glad to plead fatigue as an exspace rooms will be secured by other cuse for escaping from his presence. Looking around to discover the cause, longingly.-[Meriden Recorder.

travellers. Dan and his wife are My husband joined me presently, I noticed that the door had become rather rough looking customers, but and we threw ourselves, dressed as we unlatched, and was then sjar. you tell Patty I sent you and she'll do were, on the outside of the bed, and

work for my wife before she married I lay awake for some time. I could Dan, and I think she is a good heart- hear them moving about in the next I can get there before they awake, ed soul. Dan himself-well, Dan's room, as they prepared for bed, and no favorite of mine; but ten chances then I heard the woman order the dressed, and they have said they will to one he's gone to the fair himself.— children to 'make has' an' to go ter not come in here again before they just what did the the work effectually.

but I have only bare floors to offer, said the man, speaking for the first and I thing this lady ought to rest time. 'I want all han' on yer ter clar 'What for, Dan ?' asked the woman. 'Cause I do, that's all; fair folks human figure.

Perhaps it would be best to leave the children scrambling up the rough If it should creak as I stretched it

We were travelling through the in- made for the purpose, in my cellar, it you their beds, and the house became per- and made my way out of the shed in terior of the State in our own convey- prefer it, your friends can take care of feetly quiet. I heard my husband's my stocking feet. ance. My husband had a tendency them until morning for you. I think deep drawn, regular breathing ; I toward lung trouble, and his physicit very likely Dan will have other heard the dog in the next room as he put on and fasten my shoes; and then cian recommended this journey as the company before midnight, and it's stirred now and then in his sleep. I I sped away, running as fast as I could best means of establishing his health. just as well to let them know you're heard the man move slightly, once or in the direction of the brick house .-We thanked him, and handed over pervaded my room that he was smok- band. God take care of him!' I taken along, and made so many prom- our wallet containing our supply of ing some very bad tobacco, when a uttered aloud once or twice; and iscs about scant luggage, and giving ready money; and my husband haze fell upon my senses- and I fell once, I remember, it occurred to me

I telt under my pillow for my watch, tound it, rose, and moved quietly time. The table stood on the partitioned side of the room-the side was shining. I heard a voice say, fertherest from the bed Just as I 'She is better now;' and the reply by a voice speaking low and distinct- earth, 'Thank God.' ly from the other side of the partition.

Shure, ther' all fas' ter sleep !' Shure, sound as logs, bote on 'em. Come hyar then lemme tell ver Cooney!' summoning some one.

Yes, sir. 'Did yer say ther want nobody night th' lock-up room ?' 'Nobody but Jim Manson;

leeps down ther to night.' 'And yer know th' way in by th winder ?'

'I let' hit soze I could git right in easy. 'All right; we'll fix hit for 'em certain, an' I reckon ther'll be moin

one dollar gone to morreo mawnin'.'

When yer gwine ter start, Dan ?' 'Not fore 'n hour, though I want ter git some sleep fur.' Suppressed laughter was followed by some whispered conversation which escaped me; but I now knew they

were planning to rob the lock-room

at Mr. Rice's, while I and my husband were to be let alone, because they had ascertained we had nothing with us to tempt their cupidity. Presently they seemed to betake husband's attempted crime. themselves to repose, throwing themselves on the floor; there must have been four of them, at least. I listened with bated breath-not even a whis- dren.'

'Hadn't I better look in agin nex'

advancing to my bedside; he paused Supper was ready almost immediate- a moment to listen, and then crept

'We have left our luggage with our murmur from the next room, which sumed. subsided into silence as the blast died

Suddenly, like a flash of light, came the thought, I might go ont of that door and make my way to the Rices'. and save a life, perhaps. I am already

There was no time to be lost. arose with the greatest caution, taking care to dispose my pillows and my out. I want this hyar room t'-night.' husband's overcoat in my vacant place, so as to bear some resemblance to a

I then took my shoes in my hand, She did not ask any further ques- threw my heavy traveling shawl over tions, and presently I heard her and my head, and crept toward the door. open! No, it opened noiselessly, and here at my house. I have a lock-room They speedily took possession of I descerded the few steps to the ground

The road once gained, I stooped to twice. I knew from the fumes which I did not dare to think of my hushow fortunate it was that they should behind also. The chain was very a steep. have kept the dog in the room with housekeepers will send and get a ten-

It was a long mile, but I reached the house at last, roused them, and sunset without meeting or seeing a simply attached to a black guard taper burned dimly on the table, and gave the alarm. Then I remembered human being. We would always which I were around my neck, so I my husband lay sleeping quietly be- no more. Mrs. Rice says I told them calmly as if I had been asking an ordinary question, but as soon as I drops in some soft water and wash finished I fell into a dead faint, which the little tolk's hoods, and report lasted for hours. When I came to myself the sun

> approached the light, I was arrested came in the voice I loved best on young and handsome writes; "The 'Thank God!' I echoed teebly, and perior, . . . a man who will compel

> > bending over me. For a few moments I scarcely knew

whether it was real, or only a dream. They would not let me talk about it then, but after I had eaten and drank and rested they told me the men grouped themselves around the lock-room window, and the party in the house were watching them, and waiting for some of them to effect an entrance before they bore down upon them, when Mr. Rice's revolver, accidently discharged, gave the alarm, and the robbers escaped without even being identified-that is except the boy, Coonoy, a half-breed, which they found shut up in the lock-room trying to climb up the ! window from the

mside. They gave chase to Turner's gang, but they eluded them, and Mr. Rice, with two or three others proceeded to the cabin, where they found my husband sleeping peacefully; and the woman, Patty Turner, awake down stairs. They felt sure, and so did I, that she knew nothing of her

'But Turner may be caught yet,' I

Mr. Rice smiled. 'We'll never see Dan Turner again. He has tbeen wanting an excuse to

They were as kind as they could be, and begged be to stay until I felt better : but I telt as if I must get out of the State as soon as possible; and we resumed our journey next day, making our way to the nearest railway towns 'Fas' ter sleep. Leave um 'lone, and in a week I was telling the story

A special from Lacrosse, Wis. such a quiet life ordinarily that we whom I was placed neither looked now, but in an hour or two at the says that a singular and fatal accident individual, who cut his food vindict to rob--perhaps to murder. Could I Muher, a farmer, living a few miles matter over with us, went back into grudge. I think he uttered two sen- It I were to attempt to rouse my hus- in company with his wife, was fatally as nearly as possible with the climate the house to consult with his wife, tences during the meal. One of these band, I might endanger his life. His burned and his wife terribly injured of his native home. safety lay in our supposed unconsci- by fire. He was under the influence 'I have no watch with me,' replied ousness. I sat up in bed, breathing of liquor, and, having carelessly thrown is? asked an irreverent fellow of a my husband, to whom he addressed a voiceless prayer in my extremity.— a lighted match into some hay clergyman. 'My friend you must It was a windy night; a gust then in the wagon, it ignited and their 'That's curus,' he growled, half to shook the house, causing the windows clothing caught fire with the result the reply. to rattle loudly. I heard a drowsy stated. The wagon was entirely con-

Wasted sweetness-two pretty girls mile off down the road a bit. You soon after the meal was concluded I I shivered with cold; a sudden kissing each other, when a poor forSpirits of Ammonia

There is no telling what a thing will do till you try it. I knew ammonia diluted in water, could restore rusty silks, and clean cost collars, but when I got a grease spot on the carpet, I tried half a dozen things before I thought of that, and that was I put a teaspoonful into about a teacapful of hot water and took a cloth and wet the spot thoroughly, just rubbing it lightly, and the ugly spot was gone. It is splended for cleaning your silver, it makes things as bright as new without any expenditure of strength; and for looking glasses and windows it is best of all; and one day when I was tired and my dish cloths looked rather grey, I turned a few drops of ammonia into the water and rubbed them out, and I found it acted like a charm, and I shall be sure to do so again some day. I suppose housewives have a perfect right to experiment and see what rules they can produce; and if they are not on as large a scale as the farmers try, then they are just as important to us, and must make our work lighter and brighter too. Now, I do not believe in luxuriating in a good thing all alone, and I hope all the cent bottle of spirits of ammonia and commence a series of chemical experiments, and see what they can accomplish with it. Take the boy's jackets, the girl's dresses, and when you have cleaned everything else, put a few progress .- [Farmer's Wife in Coun-

try Gentleman. A young lady who says she is I opened my eyes to find my husband my spirit to bend its knee to his; who will command my soul to stand still and shine on him, as Joshua commanded the sun; who can trample my will to dust," etc. She should have no difficulty in finding such a man-one who will not only command her soul to stand still, but who will also command its owner to get up first in the morning to build the fire, split kindlings and carry up the coal, and whose language will make her hair stand on end when he comes home and finds dinner fifteen minutes late. There are lots of meu who will bend her spirit for her, and also make her back bend over a washtub while they go to the saloon and discuss the best method of saving the country from the hands of its political ene-

mies. - Norristown Herald. A Monster Vampire.

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> "Can you tell me how old the devil keep your own family record," was

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